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Letter dated 23 March 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to resolution 1343 (2001), adopted by the Security Council on 7 March 2001, concerning Liberia. In paragraph 19 of that resolution, the Council requested that, after consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001), I establish a Panel of Experts for six months within one month from the date of adoption of the resolution to, inter alia, investigate any violations of the measures imposed by paragraphs 5 to 7 of the resolution; to collect any information on the compliance by the Government of Liberia with the demands in paragraph 2 of that resolution, and to further investigate possible links between the exploitation of natural resources, other forms of economic activity in Liberia and the fuelling of conflict in Sierra Leone and neighbouring countries, in particular those areas highlighted by the report of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1306 (2000) (see S/2000/1195).

Accordingly, following consultations with the Committee and taking into account the requirements stated in the above-mentioned resolution, including that the panel draw, as much as possible and as appropriate, on the expertise of the members of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1306 (2000), I wish to inform you that I have appointed the five experts:

Mr. Martin Chungong Ayafor (Cameroon)

Mr. Atabou Bodian (Senegal, expert from the ICAO)

Mr. Johan Peleman (Belgium, expert on arms and transportation)

Mr. Harjit Singh Sandhu (India, expert from INTERPOL)

Mr. Alex Vines (United Kingdom, expert on diamonds)

I have also selected Mr. Martin Chungong Ayafor to chair the panel of experts.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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